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Filed : March 16, 2001                      Examiner M. Jagan  
For : LINEAR MEASUREMENT WORKPIECE GRIPPING DEVICE

Box FEE AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

FIRST REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
FOR RESPONDING TO THE OFFICE ACTION  
DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 2001

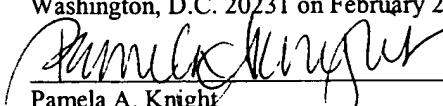
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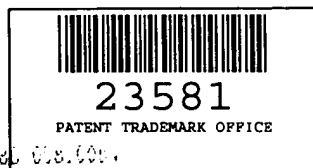
It is respectfully requested that the period for responding to the Office action dated September 26, 2001 now set to expire on December 26, 2001 be extended an additional two (2) months so as to expire on February 26, 2002 making a total response time of only five (5) months.

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$200.00 to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1540. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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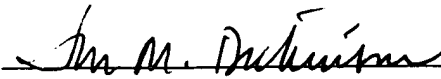
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